

REMARKS

The amendment at page 10, line 13, is supported, for example, at page 10, lines 18 and 22.

The amendment to claim 114 is supported, for example, at page 5, lines 25-28

The amendment at page 20, line 18 is to correct a typographical error.

Deletion of **OUT HOVATTA** from this application is made necessary by the cancellation of claims 126 through 130 (and the amendment to claim 114). Dr. Hovatta is not a co-inventor of the remaining claims

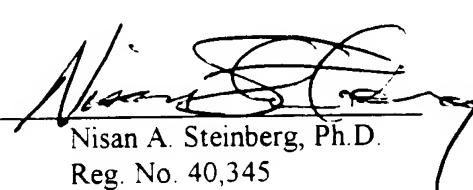
This is also stated in the accompanying petition filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)(1). Payment of the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is made herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)(2).

Therefore, a first office action not having been received, applicants respectfully request that these preliminary amendments be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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